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NEW UNITED STATES UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

EL 726236011 US

Atty. Docket No. 01942-00007

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Enclosed herewith is a new patent application and the following papers:

Inventors (or application identifier): **Eija Pirhonen, Timo Pohjonen, and Jan Nieuwenhuis**

Title of Invention: **BIODEGRADABLE IMPLANT AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING ONE**

1. Specification 20 pages (including specification, claims, abstract) / 17 claims (4 independent)
2. Declaration/Power of Attorney is:
 - attached in the regular manner.
 - NOT included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
3. This Application has 4 distinct sheets of Formal Informal Drawings
4. Preliminary Amendment.
5. Information Disclosure Statement
 - Form 1449
 - A copy of each cited prior art reference
6. Assignment with Cover Sheet.
7. Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following application(s) (provisional and foreign applications):

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8. Priority document(s).
9. Small Entity Status is being hereby claimed.
10. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission.
 - Computer Readable Copy.
 - Paper Copy (identical to computer copy).
 - Statement verifying identity of above copies.

11. Calculation of Fees:

FEES FOR	EXCESS CLAIMS	FEE	AMOUNT DUE
Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))			\$740.00
Total Claims in Excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	0	18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	1	84.00	\$84.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))	0	280.00	\$0.00
Subtotal - Filing Fee Due			\$824.00
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Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)	0.50		\$412.00
TOTAL FILING FEE DUE			\$412.00
Assignment Recordation Fee (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h))		40.00	\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL DUE			\$412.00

12. PAYMENT is:

- The Commissioner is authorized to debit the instant filing fee, in the amount of \$ _____, and any other fees during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.
- not included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f)

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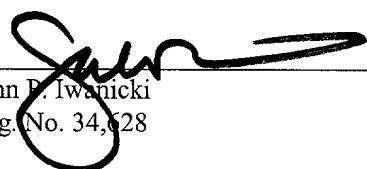
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14. Other: Return postcard and Application Data Sheet

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